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Highlights for September



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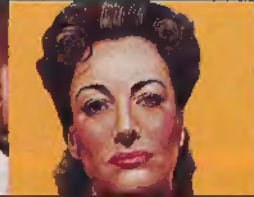
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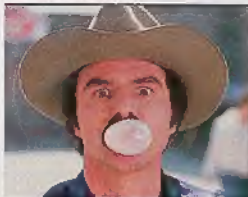
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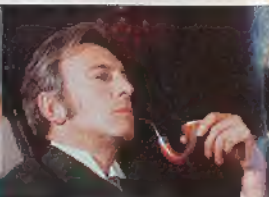
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Movie, Movie George C. Scott

A humorous '70s recall of film fare that packed the movie palaces of the '30s. This affectionate parody of "double features" is really two movies in one. George C. Scott first plays tough but tender Gloves Malloy in a black-and-white boxing sendup. He then becomes dapper Spats Baxter in a Technicolor backstage musical. "One of the funniest movies in a long time" (Gene Shalit) *Mild profanity.* (PG-1:46) **Sept. 2, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22, 24**

**Saturday
September 1**

**Sunday
September 2**

2:00 W.C. FIELDS

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3:30 ALMOST SUMMER

High-school days (PG-1:28) p. 7

5:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Third season of action highlights. p. 6

6:00 HOUSE CALLS

Romantic comedy (PG-1:38)

Only play due this month

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 BOULEVARD NIGHTS

Anti-gang drama set in L.A.'s barrio (R-1:42) p. 5

10:00 LILY TOMLIN

SRC. Award-winning show. p. 7

11:30 HOUSE CALLS

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2:00 SUMMER CARNIVAL

Waterskiing, diving, surfing.

Only play due this month

3:30 WORLD OF WIZARDS

The Amazing Randi.

4:30 LEGENDS

Errol Flynn. p. 6

5:00 BAKER'S HAWK

Burl Ives (G-1:38) p. 18

Tonight's Highlight:

7:00 MOVIE, MOVIE

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9:00 LEGENDS

Errol Flynn. p. 6

9:30 A DIFFERENT STORY

Oil-beat love story (R-1:44) p. 15

11:30 MOVIE, MOVIE

Barbara Harris (PG-1:46) p. 4



Boulevard Nights

Action, comedy, drama and romance in this hard-hitting look at the Chicano youth of East Los Angeles. The young men parade "the boulevard" on Saturday nights in their souped-up, freaked-out "low riders," cars that can also bounce like bucking broncos when challenged. Touching family relationships amidst barrio turbulence. Richard Yñiguez and Marta Du Bois co-star. "An anti-gang film with quiet power" (*Chicago Tribune*) *Strong language, adult situations, violence.* (R-1:42)

Sept. 1, 5, 9, 14, 18, 24



JAWS

Roy Scheider

Richard Dreyfuss

Just when you thought it was safe to go into the water again... it's back! The original killer-shark thriller that emptied the beaches and packed theaters across the country. This time you can keep your eyes open through *all* the nerve-frying suspense. Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw and Roy Scheider star. *Strong violence.* (PG-2:04) **Sept. 3, 8**

The Driver

Ryan O'Neal

Bruce Dern

Bruce Dern is the determined detective obsessed with catching Ryan O'Neal, a nerves-of-steel pro who gets more than his kicks from driving getaway cars. And what spectacular stunt driving there is in this taut, engrossing, fast moving film! Oscar nominee Ron Lee Blakely (*Nashville*) co-stars. *Profanity, shoot-outs.* (R-1:29) **Sept. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20**





Inside the NFL

Another NFL season—with all its crunching tackles, leaping catches, hip-wriggling runs and touchdowns—is under way. Each week, former All-Pro Len Dawson and Nick Buoniconti will analyze film clips of *all* the games, the big plays and the upsets. They'll also offer incisive predictions for the upcoming weekend and show plays that went awry: missed tackles, dropped passes and those laughable oops—what happened to the ball goofs that are part of every NFL season. **Sept. 6, 7; 13, 14; 20, 21; 27, 28**



The Great Houdinis

Harry Houdini baffled audiences as he broke out of locks, straitjackets and sealed underwater chests. He had less luck escaping his inner turmoil. Paul Michael Glaser is Houdini; Sally Struthers, his wife. *Adult situations.* (1:38) **Sept. 3, 7, 9, 13, 18, 23**



The Quick and the Dead

A penetrating view of the most dangerous sport of all: Grand Prix auto racing. Jackie Stewart, three-time world champion; the late Peter Revson and many more. Filmed at 13 classics in 13 lands. *Car crash violence.* (PG-1:28) **Sept. 5, 9, 13, 15, 25**

Legends: Errol Flynn

Saint or sinner? Hero or hellion? Decide for yourself through an incisive look at the life and loves of one of the screen's most swashbuckling heroes. **Sept. 2, 6, 8, 11, 14**

Almost Summer

Didi Conn and Tim Matheson co-star in this pleasant, upbeat comedy about high-school elections and low-down tactics. *Brief nudity, mild profanity.* (PG-1:28) **Sept. 1, 5**

Monday September 3

1:30 W.C. FIELDS
Includes rare clips. p.15
3:00 JAWS
The original! (PG-2:04) p.5
5:30 W.C. FIELDS
The great funnyman. p.15
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 THE GREAT HOUDINI
The legendary escape artist (1:38) p.7
9:00 UNDERCOVERS HERO
Peter Sellers (R-1:35) *Only play date this month*
10:45 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE
Jack Nicholson (R-1:37) p.14

Tuesday September 4

4:30 BAKER'S HAWK
Clint Walker (G-1:38) p.18
Tonight's Highlight:
6:30 RACEFOR THE PENNANT
Highlights of week's action. New show every Tuesday. p.11
7:00 THE DRIVER
Bruce Dern (R-1:29) p.5
8:30 THE CHICKEN CHRONICLES
Wild romp with the high-school crowd (PG-1:34) p.11
10:30 CASINO DE PARIS
Classic French revue. *Only play date this month*

Wednesday September 5

5:30 ALMOST SUMMER
Didi Conn, Tim Matheson co-star (PG-1:28) p.7
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 THE QUICK AND THE DEAD
Real-life action of Grand Prix racing (PG-1:28) p.7
8:30 RACEFOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday show. p.11
9:00 BOULEVARD NIGHTS
Gang mayhem in East L.A. (R-1:42) p.5
10:45 LILY TOMLIN
Life as Lily sees it. p.7

Thursday September 6

4:30 BAKER'S HAWK
Family drama (G-1:38) p.18
Tonight's Highlight:
6:30 INSIDE THE NFL
Action highlights plus commentary. New show every Thursday. p.6
7:30 MOVIE, MOVIE
George C. Scott (PG-1:46) p.4
9:30 LEGENDS: ERROL FLYNN
Life of the great star. p.6
10:00 INSIDE THE NFL
See earlier listing.
11:00 A DIFFERENT STORY
Perry King (R-1:44) p.15



Lily Tomlin in "Appearing Nitely"

She is "fantasy gone sane," said theater critic Clive Barnes of the incomparable Lily Tomlin. See for yourself in this super HBO event that brings you the Tony Award winning one-woman show that delighted sold-out audiences all over the country. You'll love Lily and her very own "cast of thousands." **Sept. 1, 5, 7, 10**



Standing Room Only: I've Got the World on a String

The First Annual All-Star Puppet Spectacular.

"Dean Martin," "Jimmy Carter" and "Sigmund Freud"—members of the All-Star Paul Ashley Personality Puppets—join together for a Celebrity Roast of Dr. Joyce Brothers. Ben Vereen performs with "Ben," the puppet. Rita Moreno sings to the accompaniment of "Slugger Ryan," of the renowned Bil Baird Puppets. **Sept. 9, 13, 17, 19, 22, 29**

**Friday
September 7**

5:30 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday show, p. 11.
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show, p. 6
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 AVALANCHE
Ominous doings in a Colorado ski lodge. (PG-1:30) p. 9
8:30 THE GREAT HOUDINIS
Paul Michael Glaser (*Starsky and Hutch*) (1:38) p. 7
10:30 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE
Ann-Margret (R-1:37) p. 14
12:15 LILY TOMLIN IN "APPEARING NITELY"
SRO Lily brings along her group of "friends." p. 7

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**Saturday
September 8**

2:00 THE CHICKEN CHRONICLES
Phil Silvers (PG-1:34) p. 11
4:00 JAWS
Killer shark (PG-2:04) p. 5
6:30 LEGENDS: ERROL FLYNN
The infamous matinee idol. p. 6
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 BLAZING SADDLES
Ridin', Robin', Wranglin' à la Mel Brooks (R-1:32) p. 9
8:30 THE DRIVER
Ryan O'Neal (R-1:29) p. 5
10:00 A DIFFERENT STORY
Meg Foster (R-1:44) p. 15
11:45 BLAZING SADDLES
Gene Wilder (R-1:32) p. 9

**Sunday
September 9**

1:30 THE QUICK AND THE DEAD
Pro car racing (PG-1:28) p. 7
3:00 SWASHBUCKLER
Grand-scale pirate adventure (PG-1:41) p. 18
5:00 THE GREAT HOUDINIS
Bill Bixby (1:38) p. 7
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING
SRO. Puppet spectacular. p. 8
8:00 SWASHBUCKLER
Robert Shaw (PG-1:41) p. 18
10:00 BOULEVARD NIGHTS
Family conflict (R-1:42) p. 5
11:45 WORLD ON A STRING
SRO. Fabulous puppets. p. 8

Mel Brooks' Blazing Saddles

Gene Wilder
Cleavon Little

Here's the wild and woolly Western that made Mel Brooks a household name. He plays a girl-hungry governor; Harvey Korman, his aide; Cleavon Little, the sheriff; Gene Wilder, ex-gunfighter grown giddy on gin. Madeline Kahn won an Oscar nomination as the dance-hall singer. "Every Western you've ever seen turned upside down, inside out" (*N. Y. Times*) *Adult humor, language.* (R-1:32) **Sept. 8, 11, 17, 21, 24, 30**



Avalanche

Rock Hudson
Mia Farrow

Six million tons of icy terror threaten the guests at a posh Colorado ski lodge in this very different disaster film. Rock Hudson and Mia Farrow are at the center of the wintry action as every skier's worst nightmare comes true in the thrilling climax. "*The Towering Inferno* with snow" (*Houston Chronicle*) *Mild profanity, nudity.* (PG-1:30) **Sept. 7, 11, 15, 17, 23, 27**





Manny Mullen/SI

Jeremiah Johnson

Robert Redford is the strong, silent hero who wises up to the ways of the wilderness. As an ex-soldier of the 1830s, he turns his back on civilization and becomes a trapper in the Rockies. Will Geer plays a grizzled grizzly hunter. "Powerful and romantic" (*S.F. Chronicle*) *Some physical violence.* (PG-1:48) **Sept. 12, 17, 21, 25, 30**

Revenge of the Pink Panther

Stand aside! Inspector Clouseau (alias Peter Sellers) is on the loose again! This time he's on the trail of an international drug ring, and by the time he's finished everyone needs tranquilizers. Dyan Cannon co-stars. "This *Revenge* just couldn't be sweeter!" (*Rona Barrett*) *Mild language.* (PG-1:39) **Sept. 10, 15, 20**

The Savage is Loose

A father, a mother and a son, isolated for two decades on a tropical isle, are caught between society's moral behavior and uncontrolled primal instincts. George C. Scott produced, directed and stars with Trish Van Devere. "Fascinating tale" (*Boxoffice magazine*) *Mature theme, sexual content.* (R-1:54) **Sept. 10, 14, 16, 29**

Race for the Pennant

September is buckle-down-or-buckle-under time for all teams battling for divisional titles. To see who is buckling which way, there'll be action footage of each week's most pivotal and exciting plays. Wrapping it up will be expert analyses by Len Berman and former pitching great Bob Gibson. **Sept. 4, 5, 7; 11, 12; 18, 19; 25, 26**

Monday September 10

5:00 BAKER'S HAWK
Colorado town turns against a man and his family. Burl Ives (PG-1:38) p.18
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 THE SAVAGE IS LOOSE
Drama of a family stranded two decades on a tropical island (R-1:54) p.11
9:00 LILY TOMLIN
SRO. The popular comedienne and her cast of characters. p.7
10:30 REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER
Peter Sellers back as Inspector Clouseau (PG-1:39) p.10
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Tuesday September 11

4:30 MOVIE, MOVIE
Great, Great! (PG-1:46) p.4
Tonight's Highlight:
6:30 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Week's highlights. p.11
7:00 AVALANCHE
Rock Hudson (PG-1:30) p.9
8:30 BLAZING SADDLES
Western spoof (R-1:32) p.9
10:00 LEGENDS
Errol Flynn. p.6
10:30 RACE FOR THE PENNANT p.11
11:00 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE
Candice Bergen (R-1:37) p.14

Wednesday September 12

5:00 THE CHICKEN CHRONICLES
Teenage comedy set in '69 high school (PG-1:34) p.11
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 JEREMIAH JOHNSON
Robert Redford as a Western loner (PG-1:48) p.10
9:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday show. p.11
9:30 THE DRIVER
Isabelle Adjani in her American film debut (R-1:29) p.5
11:00 A DIFFERENT STORY
Meg Foster (R-1:44) p.15

Thursday September 13

5:30 THE QUICK AND THE DEAD
Jackie Stewart (PG-1:28) p.7
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Len Dawson hosts. p.6
8:00 I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING
Enchanting family fare. p.8
9:00 THE WHITE BUFFALO
Charles Bronson as Wild Bill Hickok (PG-1:37) p.19
10:45 INSIDE THE NFL
See earlier listing.
11:45 THE GREAT HOUDINIS
Sally Struthers (1:38) p.7



The Chicken Chronicles

This good-natured comedy about a group of unusual high-school students gets straight A's. The time is the '60s; the place, a wealthy L.A. suburb. Lisa Reeves learns to deal with the new problems of growing up: drugs, sexual liberation and absentee parents. Phil Silvers co-stars. *Brief nudity, adult situations, language.* (PG-1:34) **Sept. 4, 8, 12, 16**



The Doobie Brothers in Concert

The title of their Platinum album, *Takin' It to the Streets*, tells all. The Doobie Brothers' phenomenal success is a result of finely honed musical talent and a commitment to communicate with audiences on a one-to-one level: *Take Me In Your Arms (Rock Me)*, *Listen to the Music*, *Long Train Runnin'*, *What a Fool Believes*. Four musicians, nine years, 25 million records sold: a cornerstone of popular music. **Sept. 14, 18, 22, 27, 30**

Midnight Express

A young American student pays for a mistake made nearly a decade ago by living a nightmare in a brutal Turkish prison. A devastating, hard-hitting drama nominated for six Oscars. Brad Davis is unforgettable as Billy Hayes. "Stupendous, powerful, suspenseful... a colossal motion picture" (Rex Reed) **Very strong physical violence, profanity, nudity.** (R-2:03) **Sept. 16, 20, 22, 25, 28**



**Friday
September 14**

**5:30 LEGENDS:
ERROL FLYNN**
Profile of the infamous Hollywood star. p.6
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.6
Tonight's Highlight:
**7:00 THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
IN CONCERT**
Elder statesmen of rock. p.12
**8:00 THE SAVAGE
IS LOOSE**
George C. Scott (R-1:54) p.11
10:00 MOVIE, MOVIE
Art Carney (PG-1:46) p.4
11:45 BOULEVARD NIGHTS
Chicano family aspires to a better life (R-1:42) p.5

**Saturday
September 15**

**2:00 REVENGE OF THE
PINK PANTHER**
Dyan Cannon (PG-1:39) p.10
4:00 AVALANCHE
Mia Farrow (PG-1:30) p.9
**5:30 THE QUICK AND
THE DEAD**
Francois Cervet (PG-1:28) p.7
Tonight's Highlight:
**7:00 THE STRANGER AND
THE GUNFIGHTER**
Frontier days of early California (PG-1:47) p.13
**9:00 REVENGE OF THE
PINK PANTHER**
Peter Sellers (PG-1:39) p.10
10:45 CARNAL KNOWLEDGE
Art Garfunkel (R-1:37) p.14

**Sunday
September 16**

2:00 THE WHITE BUFFALO
Search for a killer buffalo (PG-1:37) p.19
**4:00 THE CHICKEN
CHRONICLES**
Teen comedy (PG-1:34) p.11
6:00 THE WHITE BUFFALO
Stuart Whitman (PG-1:37) p.19
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
True story of an American college student in a Turkish prison (R-2:03) p.13
**10:00 THE SAVAGE
IS LOOSE**
Trish Van Devere (R-1:54) p.11
12:00 THE DRIVER
Great stunt driving (R-1:29) p.5



The Stranger and the Gunfighter

The fastest gun in the West joins the most brutal hands in the East! Wild six-gun shootouts combine with kung fu as gunfighter Lee Van Cleef teams with jumper-kicker-karate chopper Lo Lieh (*Five Fingers of Death*). There's color, action and spectacular special effects. And watch for those tattoo clues! **Western-type violence.** (PG-1:47) **Sept. 15, 19, 23, 27**



Legends: Joan Crawford

Joan Crawford belonged to the era that created the phrase "Movie Queen." She gave it meaning, becoming the Ultimate Star. But her personal life was plagued by rumors—instability, insecurity, alcohol. *Legends* weaves a portrait of Crawford through film clips and stills offering her screen portrayals as a mirror of her character. *Mommie Dearest* or movie *Queen Bee*—or really just one and the same? **Sept. 19, 23, 27**

Carnal Knowledge

Mike Nichols' bitterly humorous drama of adult relationships. Superb acting by Jack Nicholson and Ann-Margret, who won an Oscar nomination for her portrayal. *Adult situations and language, nudity.* (R-1:37) **Sept. 3, 7, 11, 15**

On Location: Robin Williams (Off the Wall!)

Since you first saw Robin Williams on HBO's *Second Annual Young Comedians* of 1977, he's become so popular, this HBO show of his own was the only logical step. But careful now, don't expect the Robin you know as Mork in *Mork and Mindy*. This is the authentic "off the wall" stand-up comedian whom nightclub audiences find hilarious. Manic, diverse, delightful—with a mature, "adults only" brand of humor. **Sept. 17, 21, 26, 29**



The Vintage W.C. Fields

The great man said, "Anyone who hates children and small dogs can't be all bad." Here's a classic anthology that's all good: the best of his funniest, most outrageous routines. It's a field day for W.C. fans. **Sept. 1, 3**

Monday
September 17

4:00 **SWASHBUCKLER**
Beau Bridges (PG-1:41) p.18
6:00 **I'VE GOT THE WORLD
ON A STRING**
SRO. Bil Baird puppets and live
guests. p.8
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 **ROBIN WILLIAMS**
On Location. A much different
"Mork." p.15
8:00 **JEREMIAH JOHNSON**
Will Geer (PG-1:48) p.15
10:00 **AVALANCHE**
Jeanette Nolan (PG-1:30) p.9
11:30 **BLAZING SADDLES**
Madeline Kahn (R-1:32) p.9

Tuesday
September 18

4:30 **THE GREAT HOUDINI'S**
Ruth Gordon (1:38) p.7
Tonight's Highlight:
6:30 **RACE FOR
THE PENNANT**
The week in baseball. p.11
7:00 **THE DOOBIE BROTHERS
IN CONCERT**
Rock songs and interviews. p.12
8:00 **THE GOODBYE GIRL**
Neil Simon (PG-1:51) p.19
10:00 **RACE FOR
THE PENNANT**
See earlier listing.
10:30 **BOULEVARD NIGHTS**
Family conflict (R-1:42) p.5

Wednesday
September 19

5:00 **THE STRANGER AND
THE GUNFIGHTER**
East meets West (PG-1:47) p.13
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 **LEGENDS:
JOAN CRAWFORD**
Portrait of a Movie Queen. p.14
7:30 **RACE FOR PENNANT**
Repeat of Tuesday show. p.11
8:00 **THE STRANGER AND
THE GUNFIGHTER**
Lee Van Cleef (PG-1:47) p.13
10:00 **WORLD ON A STRING**
SRO. Dr. Joyce Brothers. p.8
11:00 **MOVIE, MOVIE**
Red Buttons (PG-1:46) p.4

Thursday
September 20

5:00 **REVENGE OF THE
PINK PANTHER**
Inspector Clouseau in action
again in the fifth of the series
(PG-1:39) p.10
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
Last week's great performances
plus key errors. p.5
8:00 **MIDNIGHT EXPRESS**
Based on the true best-seller
(R-2:03) p.13
10:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
See earlier listing.
11:00 **THE DRIVER**
Crime drama (R-1:29) p.5

A Different Story

Here's an old-fashioned boy-meets-girl love story with a twist: both begin their relationship as homosexuals—and happy about it, at that. Perry King plays the man Meg Foster takes in for a roommate, a move that changes both their lives. Peter Donat, Valerie Curtin and Barbara Collettine lend solid support. *Adult situations, language.* (R-1:44) **Sept. 2, 6, 8, 12**





Fast Charlie... The Moonbeam Rider

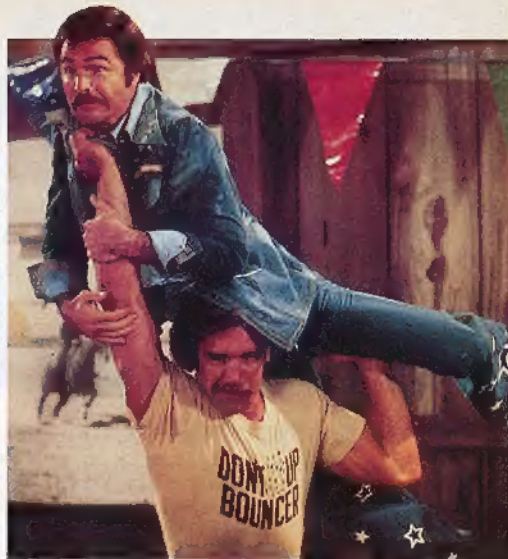
David Carradine

Here's a movie made just for fun—and set in the carefree days following World War I. "Fast Charlie" Swattle is a laid-back con artist out to win a wild and grueling motorcycle race from St. Louis to San Francisco. David Carradine stars as Charlie, and Brenda Vaccaro co-stars as the only woman he's ever met who is able to turn the tables on him. Fast-paced comedy *plus* romance *plus* classic 'cycles in amazing stunt sequences. *Some profanity.* (PG-1:39) **Sept. 21, 25, 29**

Hooper

Burt Reynolds
Sally Field

Lots of chuckles, crashes and daredevil antics in this saga of Hollywood stuntmen. And what a cast! Burt Reynolds and Sally Field of *Smokey and the Bandit* are reunited to make this action comedy one of the delights of recent years. Young Jan-Michael Vincent, challenging Burt's status, Brian Keith, an older stuntman, and Robert Klein, a director of spy thrillers, make up a fine supporting cast. "Hooper super" (*Chicago Tribune*) *Some profanity.* (PG-1:37) **Sept. 23, 27**



Friday
September 21

4:00 JEREMIAH JOHNSON
Robert Redford (PG-1:48) p.10
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.6
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 FAST CHARLIE...
The Moonbeam Rider
Cycle race from St. Louis to San Francisco (PG-1:39) p.16
9:00 ROBIN WILLIAMS
On Location. The manic, diverse comedian. p.15
10:00 BLAZING SADDLES
Mel Brooks (R-1:32) p.9
11:30 SWASHBUCKLER
Action-packed tale of adventure and romance in the 18th century (PG-1:41) p.18

Saturday
September 22

2:00 I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING
SRO. Guest Ben Vereen. p.8
3:00 MOVIE, MOVIE
Spoofing the '30s (PG-1:46) p.4
5:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL
Oscar-winner Richard Dreyfuss (PG-1:51) p.19
Tonight's Highlight:
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Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 HOOPER
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9:30 SWASHBUCKLER
Peter Boyle (PG-1:41) p.18
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A Wedding

Carol Burnett

It's hardly an average wedding that director Robert Altman celebrates in this biting satire on our last great tribal rite. Carol Burnett, Desi Arnaz, Jr., Mia Farrow, Geraldine Chaplin and Howard Duff run the maze of character entanglements. It's one day of continuing disaster you'll not soon forget. "Original and funny" (*L. A. Times*) *Profanity and adult situations, brief nudity.* (PG-2:05) **Sept. 22, 26, 30**





European Ice Spectacular

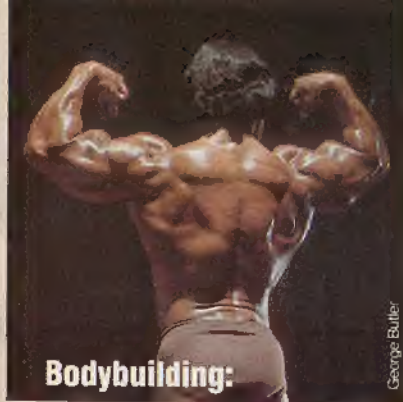
Billed as the world's greatest ice revue—lavish costumes, sets, special effects, and a cast of over 75 skaters result in spectacular production numbers. From Lausanne, Switzerland, this ice extravaganza opens with a stirring "Salute to Broadway," and subsequent numbers glide from clowns to circus parade, waltzes to Carnival Time in Rio. Narrated by Lynn Redgrave. **Sept. 26, 30**

Swashbuckler

An all-star cast heads this big, grand, action-packed pirate movie. Robert Shaw, Genevieve Bujold, Peter Boyle and Beau Bridges star in the high adventure and romance of the 18th century. *Brief nudity.* (PG-1:41) **Sept. 9, 17, 21, 23**

Baker's Hawk

A small-town family joins a mysterious mountain man to fight off a vigilante mob in this old-fashioned action adventure of the 1870s. Beautifully photographed in the scenic mountains of Utah. Clint Walker stars. *Family fare.* (G-1:38) **Sept. 2, 4, 6, 10**



Bodybuilding:

George Butler



Night of the Champions

Lift that weight, tote that barbell, strain those muscles—it's all part of the training grind in bodybuilding, a sport that's taken on worldwide appeal in recent years. Every one of the contestants in this competition, held before a sellout crowd in New York City, has been a champion. **Sept. 24, 26, 28**

The Goodbye Girl

Marsha Mason stars in this funny, romantic look at human relationships. Richard Dreyfuss won an Oscar as a Chicago actor who finds two big surprises in his new New York apartment—a resident mother and child! *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:51) **Sept. 18, 22, 28**

Monday
September 24

5:00 MOVIE, MOVIE
Two films in one—introduced by George Burns (PG-1:46) p.4
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 BODYBUILDING
Expert showmanship in a fast-growing sport. p.19
8:00 BLAZING SADDLES
Cleavon Little (R-1:32) p.9
9:30 MOVIE, MOVIE
Eli Wallach, Barbara Harris (PG-1:46) p.4
11:15 BOULEVARD NIGHTS
The "other world" of L.A. (R-1:42) p.5

Tuesday
September 25

5:00 THE QUICK AND THE DEAD
Peter Revson (PG-1:28) p.7
Tonight's Highlight:
6:30 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Host Len Berman. p.11
7:00 FAST CHARLIE...
The Moonbeam Rider
'Cycle action (PG-1:39) p.16
9:00 MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
John Hurt (R-2:03) p.13
11:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT p.11
11:30 JEREMIAH JOHNSON
Robert Redford (PG-1:48) p.10

Wednesday
September 26

4:30 A WEDDING
Howard Duff (PG-2:05) p.17
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 EUROPEAN ICE SPECTACULAR
Swiss ice revue. p.18
8:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT
Repeat of Tuesday show. p.11
8:30 A WEDDING
Lillian Gish (PG-2:05) p.17
10:45 BODYBUILDING
Unusual sport with worldwide appeal. p.19
11:45 ROBIN WILLIAMS
His own zany show. p.15

Thursday
September 27

4:00 DOOBIE BROTHERS
All your favorite tunes. p.12
5:00 AVALANCHE
Thrilling climax (PG-1:30) p.9
6:30 LEGENDS
Joan Crawford. p.14
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Action footage. p.6
8:00 HOOPER
Sally Field (PG-1:37) p.17
10:00 INSIDE THE NFL
See earlier listing.
11:00 THE STRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER
Fast Western (PG-1:47) p.13



The White Buffalo

Charles Bronson

There are plenty of shoot-outs and gunplay in this Western *Moby Dick*. Charles Bronson returns to the American frontier in the kind of action film his fans like best. Great performances by Jack Warden, Will Sampson, Kim Novak, Clint Walker, Stuart Whitman and Slim Pickens. *Violence, vulgarity.* (PG-1:37) **Sept. 13, 16, 29**



Murder by Decree

James Mason
Christopher Plummer

A tense new Sherlock Holmes tale to match the wonderful Arthur Conan Doyle originals! Attempting to solve the Jack the Ripper case, the great detective lifts a veil of secrecy, corruption and terror at the very heart of the English throne. Clue by clue, murder by murder, he moves closer to the truth. Christopher Plummer plays Holmes with great flair, and James Mason is superb as Watson. "Best Holmes film since the 1940s series" (*Variety*) *Some graphic violence*, (PG-2:00) **Sept. 30**

Standing Room Only:

Here it is, BURLESQUE!

Ann Corio
Morey Amsterdam
Pinky Lee

A ribald musical comedy re-creating the most memorable moments from burlesque history. Ann Corio and seasoned comedians Morey Amsterdam and Pinky Lee headline, joined by the traditional leggy Burley-Cutie Showgirls. A "string" of strippers includes Patrick, the All-American Male Stripper! Risqué and sophisticated, wholesome and nostalgic—it's burlesque at its best. **Sept. 28**



Friday
September 28

4:00 **THE GOODBYE GIRL**
Marsha Mason (PG-1:51) p.19
6:00 **BODYBUILDING**
N.Y. Jets quarterback Richard Todd co-hosts with Spencer Ross, p.19
7:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
Repeat of Thursday show, p.6
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 **HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!**

Authentic re-creation of classic burlesque, p.21
9:30 **THE GOODBYE GIRL**
Oscar winner (PG-1:51) p.19
11:30 **MIDNIGHT EXPRESS**
Brad Davis, exciting newcomer, as Billy Hayes (R-2:03) p.13

Saturday
September 29

2:00 **FAST CHARLIE**
Brenda Vaccaro (PG-1:39) p.16
4:00 **THE WHITE BUFFALO**
Old West action (PG-1:37) p.19
6:00 **I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING**
Puppets and people, p.8
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 **THE AMSTERDAM KILL**
Robert Mitchum as a former narcotics agent (R-1:30) p.21
8:30 **ROBIN WILLIAMS**
Popular young comedian, p.15
9:30 **FAST CHARLIE**
No-holds-barred motorcycle race (PG-1:39) p.16
11:15 **THE SAVAGE IS LOOSE**
George C. Scott (R-1:54) p.11

Sunday
September 30

1:30 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**
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2:30 **JEREMIAH JOHNSON**
Western fare (PG-1:48) p.10
4:30 **A WEDDING**
New money joins old money (PG-2:05) p.17
Tonight's Highlight:
7:00 **MURDER BY DECREE**
Sherlock Holmes versus Jack the Ripper (PG-2:00) p.20
9:00 **EUROPEAN ICE SPECTACULAR**
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10:00 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**
Top-quality sounds, p.12
11:00 **BLAZING SADDLES**
Comedy classic! (R-1:32) p.9



The Amsterdam Kill

Robert Mitchum

An action thriller about the exposure of an international drug-smuggling ring working the Amsterdam-Big Apple-Hong Kong circuit. Robert Mitchum, a bounced U.S. narcotics agent, takes matters into his own hands. Bradford Dillman, Richard Egan and Leslie Nielsen are his old buddies from the agency. *Profanity, violence*. (R-1:30) **Sept. 29**



Soundtrack

"Who ever heard of that movie?"

This month's *Midnight Express* received six Academy Awards. *Coming Home*, which won two major Oscars this year, played on Home Box Office last January. Gary Busey received a best-actor nomination for *The Buddy Holly Story*, which we showed in June.

These are a few of the many such examples of winning Hollywood productions presented—uncut and uninterrupted by commercials—on Home Box Office month after month. You are probably very familiar with the Oscar-winning stars, directors and producers of your favorite films. But what about all the non-award-winning movies?

Not every one can be a *Patton* or *The Turning Point* or *The Goodbye Girl*. Or even one of the most asked-for motion pictures in HBO history, *JAWS*, which you could see in August and again this month.

Of course, what appeals to you may not appeal to your neighbor. And vice versa. For example, you may have found *A Different Story* warm, human, engrossing. On the other hand, maybe you found it disturbing. The point is, every month HBO offers you more than enough new and different movies to give you more than your money's worth. Even if you *don't* watch all of them.

After all, the bulk of Hollywood's output does not win awards—the purpose of which is to single out the very best. But Hollywood does make so many excellent movies that appeal to so many different tastes: adventure, romance, Westerns, science fiction, documentaries, comedies, musicals, and on and on and on!

What we try to do, really, is give you a good choice from the entire range Hollywood has to offer.

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11:00 **MIDNIGHT EXPRESS**
(R-2:03) p.13

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5:30 **LEGENDS** p.14
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7:00 **COVERT ACTION**
David Janssen (R-1:45)
9:00 **BURLESQUE** p.21
10:30 **ROBIN WILLIAMS** p.15
11:30 **THE SAVAGE IS LOOSE**
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Wednesday, 3

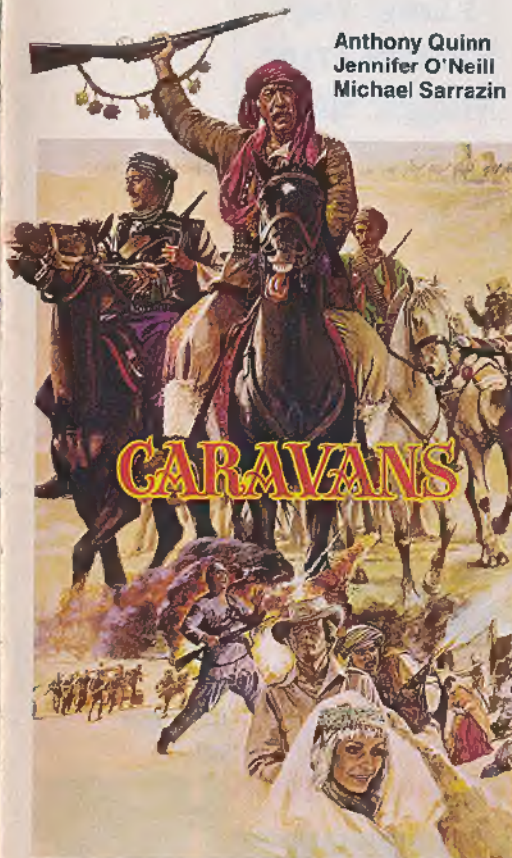
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7:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
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4:00 **HOOPER** p.17
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